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§ 775.1 Purpose.

These procedures implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (43 FR 55978) issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). These procedures are adopted pursuant to the Postal Reorganization Act rather than the NEPA insofar as the NEPA and its Regulations do not apply to the Postal Service under 39 U.S.C. 410(a).

§ 775.2 Policy.

It is the policy of the Postal Service to:

(a) Interpret and administer applicable policies, regulations, and public laws of the United States in accordance with the policies set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended, and the NEPA Regulations.

(b) Make the NEPA process useful to Postal Service decision makers and the public.

(c) Emphasize environmental issues and alternatives in the consideration of proposed actions.

(d) Encourage and facilitate public involvement in decisions which affect the quality of the human environment.

(e) Use the NEPA process to identify and assess reasonable alternatives to proposed actions in order to avoid or minimize adverse effects on the environment.

(f) Use all practicable means to protect, restore, and enhance the quality of the human environment.

(g) Reduce paperwork.

(h) Reduce delay.

§ 775.3 Responsibilities.

(a) The Assistant Postmaster General, Real Estate and Buildings Department, is responsible for overall review of NEPA compliance. Requests for information or status reports on environmental impact statements and other elements of the NEPA process should be addressed to:

Assistant Postmaster General, Real Estate & Buildings Department, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, West, SW., Washington, DC 20260.

(b) Heads of affected Headquarters Departments and Regional Postmasters General must designate "Environmental Coordinators" to be specifically responsible for compliance with these procedures.

§ 775.4 Typical classes of action.

(a) *Normally assessed kinds of action.* These procedures apply to the following typical classes of actions:

(1) Those which normally require environmental impact statements: None.

(2) Those which do not normally require environmental impact statements, but do normally require environmental assessment except as excluded by paragraph (b) of this section:

(i) Postal facility actions:

(A) New construction, including lease-construction.

(B) The purchase or lease of an existing building if a new or substantially enlarged occupancy is involved.

(C) The expansion or improvement of an existing facility.

(ii) Real property disposals.

(iii) Postal facility function changes.

(iv) Initiation of legislative proposals.

(b) *Categorical exclusions.* The classes of action in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(15) of this section normally do not require either an environmental assessment or an environmental impact